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FROM: Phillip E. Miller, Esq.

TO: Examiner Michael Burkhart

Group Art Unit No. 1633

Facsimile No. 571-273-8300

Re: Application No. 09/870,009

Dear Examiner:

Enclosed please find an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2008 which should place this application in condition for allowance.

Thank you for your consideration.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kashima et al.

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Filed:

May 30, 2001

Examiner:

Michael Burkhart

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INFORMATION, AND DNA AND CELL INCLUDING THE SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows: